Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota and many of its citizens have benefited greatly from the efforts of the state's cooperative telecommunications industry; and,

Whereas, Don Paulsen played a key role in this industry from 1964-1991 as general manager of Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.; and,

Whereas, Don's involvement in organizations on both the state and national level led to legislative and regulatory decisions which always had the best interest of the customer in mind; and,

Whereas, Don's contributions on behalf of the rural telephone industry were recognized in his receipt of the 1976 Key Man Award, the 1984 Special Achievement Award and the 1991 Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Communications Cooperative Associations; and,

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 2, 2003, as

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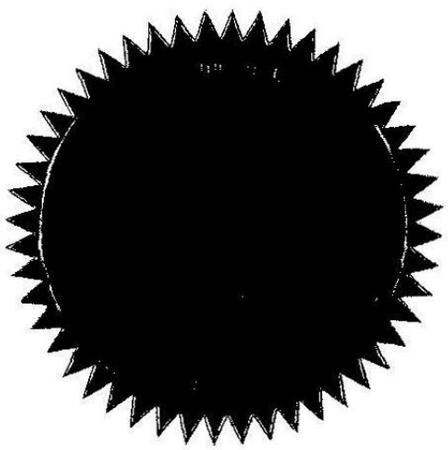
in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to publicly thank Don Paulsen for his exceptional leadership in the telecommunications industry, and to extend a special thank you to Don's wife, Joan, and his two daughters and their families for their lifelong support of his efforts.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-second Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State